

The proposed rules place an undue financial and record keeping burden on broadcasters, many of who are small with limited resources. To ask them to install digital systems capable of recording 21 days of broadcasts and to then store them is onerous, unfair and unnecessary. There is an infringement on the rights of free speech of not only the broadcasters, but on the community leaders and other representatives who use their facilities with the expectation that their voices can be heard without fear of reprisal. These rules create a de facto censorship. It is important that the commission realize that it is patently unfair to place restrictive burdens on the thousands of broadcast owners and operators just because a relatively few people have acted irresponsibly. It is a better use of the FCC's time and resources to aggressively respond to that small minority that has actually offended the public and not achieved community standards.

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